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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-8 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. Figures 11-13B should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 2-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over AAPA (Applicants Admitted Prior Art stated in page 1, line 8 through page2, line 16, and indicated in figs 11-13B) in view of SEIKO (JP 51-41667).

Regarding claim 2, AAPA teaches a cabinet cord eject structure (fig. 11) comprising: a cord eject port (6) penetrated in a rear part (1B) of a cabinet (1) molded of a flame retardant synthetic resin (Lines 14-15, page 1 of the specification) a chassis (5) having a cord (4) that is pulled out through the cord eject port, and a movable lid (8) including a lid main body for closing the cord eject port, the chassis is inserted into the cabinet to be placed on a bottom plate portion (1a) of the cabinet and the cord is pulled out through the cord eject port (see fig. 13A), and the movable lid is to close the cord eject port.

AAPA fails to teach the movable lid being integrally formed via a thin hinge portion on the cabinet, wherein the movable lid is rotated open and close around the thin hinge portion.

SEIKO teaches a cabinet cord eject structure (fig. 1) comprising: a cord eject port (2) penetrated in a rear part of a cabinet (1), and a movable lid (3) being integrally formed via a thin hinge portion (4) on the cabinet, wherein the movable lid is rotated open (fig. 3) and close (fig. 2) around the thin hinge portion.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the device of AAPA with the movable lid taught by SEIKO for less number of parts and lower manufacturing cost.

Regarding claims 3-4, AAPA further teaches an auxiliary plate (left end portion of 8, fig. 13B) projecting substantially at right angles from a top end portion (see fig. 13B) of the lid main body, the auxiliary plate being partially cut away to form a cord inserting

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part for passing the cord (also shown in fig. 13B) (claim 3); and SEIKO further teaches a tab portion (9) being juttred out from a top of the movable lid (claim 4).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 1 is allowed.

5. Claims 5-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The best prior art of record, AAPA and SEIKO (JP 51-41667), taken alone or in combination, fails to teach or fairly suggest a cabinet cord eject structure comprising at least in addition to other limitations: a convex portion being protruded on a chassis opposed face of a auxiliary plate of a movable lid formed integrally on a bottom plate portion of a rear cabinet portion of a cabinet, and a concave portion being formed on a rear face of the chassis opposed to the convex portion, and the movable lid is rotated closed to fit the convex portion into the concave portion of the chassis as set forth in claims 1 and 5. Claims 6-8 are dependent claims from claim 5.

Correspondence


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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yean-Hsi Chang whose telephone number is (571) 272-2038. The examiner can normally be reached on 07:30 - 16:00, Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Art Unit phone number is (571) 272-2800, ext. 35. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-8558.

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Primary Examiner
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